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Artist Lab: Ecology Lab by Umschichten Studio

Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw (Poland)
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Ecology Lab Warsaw was a residency project by Umschichten Studio, Stuttgart-based architecture collective who in autumn 2013 arrived in Warsaw for the residency at A-I-R Laboratory/ CCA Ujazdowski Castle.

During their residency stay in Warsaw *Umschichten* worked on a research about the site of their residency - Centre for Contemporary Art Ujazdowski Castle and its architecture. This research aimed to discover the relation between the physical and the emotional space. Primarily not the boundaries of the physical space but mainly the narrative space and the stories of its components were focused. The memories of the storytellers and the perception of the observer played a central roles in this investigation. To illustrate this research beyond classical methods of analysis in architecture, Umschichten collaborated with Tymek Jezierski. A phantasmagoric layer was added and the result was floating somewhere between truth and fiction.

Artists focused on human ecology and relationship between architecture and social space. They rearranged, recycled and re-use materials, space and people. Umschichten explored the venue of their residency and its architecture.

The residency resulted in the publication "The Dark Side. The Castle Through the Eyes of Its Users and the Role of Architecture in the Conflict", 2014



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